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SUBJECT: CHINESE AMBASSADOR ANTICIPATES WORLD WAR III

SECRETARY GENERAL FM (SVERKER ASTROM) TELLS ME THAT, AT OCCASION OF 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ESTABLISHMENT OF SWEDISH - PRC DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, PRC AMBASSADOR, A GENETLE AND CULTIVATED MAN, ADDRESSED SMALL GATHERING OF SWEDISH AND CHINESE DIPLOMATS. IN COURSE OF BRIEF SPEECH AMBASSADOR BENIGNLY REMARKED THAT "THE WORLD OUTLOOK IS EXCELLENT, FOR THE CONTRADICTIONS OF THE SUPERPOWERS NOW MAKE WORLD WAR III INEVITABLE."

COMMENT: PRESS REPORTS FROM PARIS HAVING AROUSED MY INTEREST IN CURRENT CHINESE APPROACHES TO EUROPE, I VENTURE TO REPORT THE ABOVE ITEM. IN LE MONDE OF 15 MAY I READ THAT TENG HSIA-PING SPOKE TO GISCARD D'ESTAING AS FOLLOWS: "QUE LES SUPERPUISSANCES POURSUIVENT AINSI LEUR RIVALITE, CELA ABOUTIRA UN JOUR OU L'ANTRE A LA GUERRE." LOCAL CHINESE AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED THE SAME VIEW, THOUGH MORE POINTEDLY. THERE SEEMS CONFIDENTIAL

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